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## SENATE BILL No. 276

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-30-5-4.

**Synopsis:** Voter education. Requires public and accredited nonpublic high schools to: (1) provide a three-hour session to grade 12 students concerning voting; and (2) provide voter registration forms to graduating students and students who leave school without graduating who are at least 18 years of age.

**Effective:** July 1, 2006.

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January 9, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

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Second Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2006)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 20-30-5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION  
2       14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
3       2006]: Sec. 4. (a) Each public school and nonpublic school shall  
4       provide within the two (2) weeks preceding a general election for all  
5       students in grades 6 through 12 five (5) full recitation periods of class  
6       discussion concerning:

- 7               (1) the system of government in Indiana and in the United States;  
8               (2) methods of voting;  
9               (3) party structures;  
10              (4) election laws; and  
11              (5) the responsibilities of citizen participation in government and  
12              in elections.

13       **(b) Each public and nonpublic high school, assisted by local**  
14       **election officials, shall provide a single three (3) hour**  
15       **comprehensive session to students in grade 12 concerning voting.**  
16       **The session shall include at least the following elements:**

- 17              **(1) The importance of voting.**

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**(2) Voter registration requirements and procedures, including the opportunity to register for students who will be eligible to vote at the next election.**

**(3) Methods of voting, including:**

**(A) an explanation and demonstration of the voting method used in the county in which the high school is located; and**

**(B) the use of absentee ballots.**

**(4) The sites of polling places in the county in which the high school is located, and an explanation of how to determine which polling place to use.**

**(c) Each public and nonpublic high school shall provide a voter registration form to:**

**(1) a graduating senior at the same time the graduating senior's diploma is awarded; and**

**(2) a student who leaves school without graduating if the student is at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the student leaves school.**

~~(b)~~ **(d)** A student may not receive a high school diploma unless the student has completed a two (2) semester course in American history.

~~(c)~~ **(e)** If a public school superintendent violates this section, the state superintendent shall receive and record reports of the violations. The general assembly may examine these reports.

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